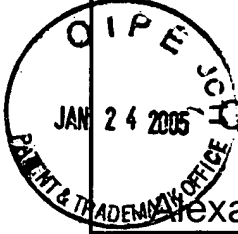
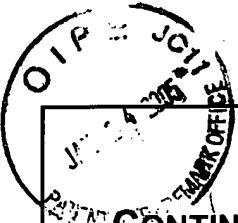


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This paper is being submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed December 8, 2004 and the Final Office Communication mailed August 19, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 19, 2004 and received on November 22, 2004; thus, this response is timely filed on or before January 22, 2005, with a RCE Transmittal, copy of return post card with OIPE date stamp as Exhibit 1 and the necessary fees. While Applicants believe that no further fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due as a result of filing this amendment, including additional claims fees not already paid for, or other fees that have not been separately paid, to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Order No. 463037-219 [A-68718-3/RMS/RMK]).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.